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TAGS: PFOR, EGEN, IN, PK,

SUBJECT: PAKS REQUEST NEUTRAL ARBITRATOR TO SETTLE  
SALAL DAM DISPUTE

1. MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL MEHDI TOLD EMTOFFS JANUARY 17 THAT PAKISTAN, ACTING UNDER THE TERMS OF THE INDUS BASIN TREATY, HAD NOTIFIED THE GOI OF ITS WISHES TO HAVE A NEUTRAL ARBITRATOR SETTLE THE DISPUTE. ACCORDING TO MEHDI, GOI HAD REPLIED THAT THE INDUS COMMISSION (MADE UP OF THE TWO DESIGNATED INDIAN AND PAKISTANI COMMISSIONERS) MUST FORMALLY MEET FIRST TO ACT ON THIS BEFORE THE NEXT STEPS CAN BE TAKEN. THE GOP HAS AGREED AND IS AWAITING TO HEAR FROM THE GOI ON THE TIMING OF THE MEETING.

2. MEHDI SAID THAT UNDER THE TERMS OF THE TREATY, EACH SIDE CAN PROPOSE AN ARBITRATOR AND IF NEITHER AGREES TO THE OTHER'S CHOICE (WHICH, HE SAID, WILL BE ALMOST CERTAIN), THE IBRD IS TO PICK THE MAN. THE ARBITRATOR'S DECISION IS BINDING ON BOTH PARTIES.  
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